

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed on February 26, 2004, thus indicating that all of the references listed thereon have been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-3, 5-12, 15-47, 50-83 and 87 are allowed.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 84-86 are the only claims that have been rejected in the present application. As shown in the previous section, Applicant has canceled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejections of these claims are now moot, and hereby requests allowance of the present application.

Conclusion:

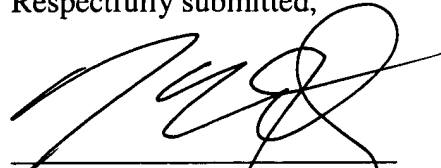
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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